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C A S E  
O F  
Mrs. ANN TRANT.

**T**HAT in the Money-Bill for laying several Duties upon Hydes, &c. there is a Clause directing, *That the Commissioners appointed by Her Majesty to enquire how certain Army-Debentures granted to Colonel Rice, by a late Act of Parliament have been disposed of, should pay the said Ann Trant, the Sum of 1452 l. with Interest out of the Money that should arise by Sale of such of the said Debentures as are now in the Hands of the said Commissioners, and that they should pay the Residue into the Receipt of Her Majesty's Exchequer, to be apply'd as Publick Money.*

THAT this Clause is founded on the Resolutions of the Honourable House of Commons, made on the Report of the said Commissioners, who, pursuant to another Act for calling the said Colonel to an Account, reported specially to Both Houses of Parliament, the Matter of transferring to Mrs. Trant, these Debentures remaining in the Commissioners Hands.

This Clause is humbly conceiv'd to be of the same Nature with a Money Bill, and not different, for these Reasons, viz.

Because the Army Debentures granted to Colonel Rice, by Act of Parliament, are in the very same Nature with Publick Money, being a Charge upon the *Exchequer* and the Publick Funds.

The Act which obliges Colonel Rice to account for these Debentures, vests in Her Majesty for the Use of the Publick, such of them as were not disposed of by Colonel Rice; and this Clause does only determine what the said Commissioners did not think fit to decide, tho' they were impower'd in a summary way, to proceed in allowing the Transfers of these Debentures, but they submitted to the Parliament whether they were not vested in Her Majesty, or well assign'd to Mrs. Trant, pursuant to the said Act, which reserves to the Parliament alone, the Decision of all Doubts upon it.

This Clause appoints the Surplus of the Money arising by Sale of these Debentures, to be paid into the *Exchequer*, and apply'd as Publick Money.

That the Honourable House of Commons have the sole Power of directing, in Money-Bills, how the Publick Money shall be disposed of, which is the only proper way of doing it.

*Wherefore it is most humbly hoped that this Clause, directing the Application of Publick Money, shall be deemed to be of the same Nature with a Money-Bill, and proper to be receiv'd into it.*



# CASE,

Relating to a Clarification in the  
Money-Bill.

Therefore it is most humbly hoped that this Chief, directing the Application  
of Publick Money, shall be deemed to be of the same Nature with a  
Money-Bill, and proper to be carried into it.